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Honorable Deanne Criswell
Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency
400 C Street S.W
Washington, D.C. 20472

Dear Administrator:

I write in support of the State of California's request for a Fire Management Assistance Grant Declaration as a coastal fire burns in Orange County. Since May 11th the fire has burned at least 20 homes in Orange County. Over 500 homes and approximately 10,000 people in the Laguna Niguel, California community are still endangered by the fire's path. Mandatory evacuations have affected approximately 4,000 people, and voluntary evacuations have affected approximately 10,000 people. The fire has burned in excess of 183 acres of state and private land.

Local communities have been working around the clock to fight this fire and protect the citizens who live in the area. Approving this request will help local authorities with the vital cost associated with fighting these fires including the costs for emergency equipment, supplies, field camps and safety items for firefighter.

I strongly support the State of California's request for this Fire Management Assistance Grant, and I urge FEMA to act without hesitation to address this emergency and save the lives, livelihoods, and homes of thousands of my constituents.

Sincerely,



Michelle Steel
Member of Congress (CA-48)